(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Civil nuclear deal with Canada

1562. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a civil nuclear deal has been lately signed between India and Canada during the recent visit of Canadian Prime Minister to India;

(b) if so, the terms of the deal and the details of the nuclear material and know how to be supplied by Canada; and

(c) the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

US support for representation in UNSC

1563. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has also indicated its support to India's claim to represent at the UN Security Council (UNSC);

(b) whether the US had earlier in 2006 itself indicated its willingness to extend support to this claim of India;

(c) the big powers which have so far have indicated their support to India's membership of the UNSC; and

(d) the steps that have been and are being taken to have India's claim materialized?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) There has been a steady accretion of support to India's candidature for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council since it was announced in 1994. Several countries have extended support to India's claim for permanent membership of an expanded Security Council. This has been expressed in various forms and fora including in bilateral discussions with Government of India.

(d) Government continues to vigorously mobilize support for India's permanent membership of an expanded United Nation Security Council. For this purpose, India remains fully engaged, bilaterally as well as in collaboration with the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan), with other member states. In the inter-governmental negotiations at the United Nations General Assembly, India along with like-minded countries has pressed for an expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories.